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In regard to the patent application of Neugebauer, et al. entitled METHOD OF COMPENSATING FOR RESIDUAL ALIGNING TORQUE (RAT) being filed concurrently herewith, the attached Form PTO-1449 is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 37 CFR 1.97 through 1.99.

Many of the patents listed on Form PTO-1449 (copies of which are enclosed) were located during a patent search conducted at the Patent and Trademark Office by a Professional Patent Searching. During the course of this investigation, the search searched Class 152, subclasses 209.18, 209.23, 209.24, 209.25, and Digest 3. These are believed to be the closest prior art known by applicant and the undersigned attorney with respect to the above application.

However, the prior art set forth on Form PTO-1449 should not be construed as a representation that no better art exists, or that the information included therein is non-cumulative.

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